Sign Boards.

Queer Names, Their Origin and How They Have Been Corrupted in Recent Years.

Famous Tavern Frequenters--The Change to the Hotel--Disappearance of the Cosy Inn.

Naw YORK, Feb. 18 .- [Special correspondence of the Independent.]-There are no haunts where human fellowship abounds around which more interesting associations cluster than at the inn or tavern. Here have been housed the best wits and most noted men; and here, on public occasions, in the country, the whole neighborhood often assembles. The rooms are still pointed out to you which noted men have occupied, for the commonest inn boasts of its old time celebrities, and the boniface in charge will tell you, if you quiz him, how they acted and what they said. Though the Astor House does not now have the overwhelmning prominence it had a generation and ago, it is still remembered that Webster, Clay and Seward once habitually stopped there, and, for that matter, dozens of others in high prominence in public life.

stopped there, and, for that matter, dozens of others in high prominence in public life. With the modern revolution of public travel and the immensity or the modern hostelry, it is somewhat doubtful if the once familiar and easy geniality that used to mark the old inn and tavern is not passing away. A country tavern near which I am writing has lost the tradition which informs us that John Quincy Adams once stopped there; but how long will the immense metropolitan caravansary note such an event, where president's, general's and governors' names are scrawled daily upon its voluminous and rapidly filled register. It almost needs the oid-time stage and turplike by which journeying was a leisurely matter, and the era when tavern guests were a small company, to develop the best experience which the tavern can give. What blissful times there must have been at the Tabard Inn. Southwark when the Canterbury pilgrims set out! What rollicking talk at the Mermaid Tavern with Ben Jonson and his hearty boon companions; and how genial must have been the group at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, as Longfeliows genius has imagined it.

But these old taverns and the long succession of them have gone out. The old-time type is no more. In the country village, as in the metropolis—except, perhaps, in a few far back places and in the south—the once cosy inn where guests loitered and talk gossip is gone. Its successor is now a hotel, at which guests do not get acquainted, but merely touch and go. What queer names they used to have for the old time hostelry! In England they still survive somewhat, but here I think there are very few left. The old Elephant Tavern in Putnam county, N. Y.—the locality where the circus and show were first introduced—held its own to a late day, It was first frequented by showmen, and the elephant over the door has lasted longer than any old time stgn I know of.

A hundred and seventy years ago some one wrote of the queer tavern sign in England:

I'm amused at the signs

As I pass through the town,

But this "odd mixture" was never mean-ingless, though it would probably be diffi-cult now to tell the connection of many of them—as, for instance, the Razor and the ingless, though it would probably be dimicult now to tell the connection of many of them—as, for instance, the Razor and the Hen. The Tun and the Lute evidently had reference to a combination of wine and music, and so was an appropriate symbol of hotel joility. It is said the sign of the Leg and Seven Stars "was merely an orthoraphical deviation from the League and Seven Stars, or seven united provinces." In Beloe's anecdotes of this literature a writer says: "I remember many years ago passing through a court in Rosemary Lane, where I observed an ancient sign over the door of an ale-house which was called the Four Alls. There was a figure of a king and on a label, 'I rule all;' the figure of a priest, motto, 'I pray for all;' a soldler, 'I fight for all;' and a yeomau, 'I pay for all.' About two years ago I passed through the same thoroughfare, and looking up for my carious sign I was amazed to see a painted board occupy its place, with these words inscribed: 'The Four Awis.'"

It is said that a checker-board was once a common tavern sign, and it may be traced back as far as the days of Pompeii. The game of checkers is also called draughts, and a wag once said, when an explanation of this sign was called for, that it not to be thought strange that draughts were advertised at an inn. In one of the Roxburghe Ballads the odd names of London hostelries which were best known in the reign of Charles II are humorously given, and I copy below a few stanzas from it:

The gentrie went to the "King's Head,"

The noble unto the "Crewae."

The gentrie went to the "King's Head," The noble unto the "Crowne," The knightes went to the "Golden Fleece," And the ploughmen to the "Clowne."

The cleargie will dine at the "Mitre,"
The vintners at the "Three Tunnes,"
The usurers to "The Oevil" will ge,
And the fryers to "The Nunnes."

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The ladges will dine at "The Feathers,"
"The Globe" no exptaine will scorne,
The huntemen will goe to "The Grayhound" below
And some townesmen to "The Horn." And some towneemen to "The Horn."

Other names ment oned in it were the Dolphin, the Horse, the Cherry Tree, the Axe, the Three Cups and the Flagon. The Goat and Compasses was a queer tavern name, which is borrowed from the saying that "God encompasses us." The numerous Bear taverns got their name from the old-time valgar pleasure of bear-baiting, which existed in England down to 1835, when it was prohibited by legal enactment. When the Puritans opposed this rude sport it was said of them that they did it not so much for pity of the bear as for their dislike of anything that gave people enjoyment. At one of the Bear taverns an illiterate, beer-selling boniface at Harrowgate wrote over his door:

which provoked much comment. When which provoked much comment. When a traveler referred to the sign in Theodore Hook's presence Hook wittily said: "He spells the word quite correctly if he means to apprise us that the article is of his own bruin." Pepys speaks in his dairy of "The Bear at the Bridge Foot," which retained a celebrity for centuries, and as long ago as 1691 a rhymester alludes thus to its antionity:

We came to the Bear, which we soon understo Was the first house in Southwalk built after t one of the reasons why conspicuous signs and images were used for public houses was to enable that large number of the public who could not read or write to find them easily, and the fashion originated, too, before streets were numbered as they are now. On the imprints of old books, for ease of direction to the book!

store, the almost invariable reference was found running as follows: "At the Sign of the Mermaid," "At the Prince's Arm," "At the Blue Anchor," &c., as the case might be. For those who could read the wise or witty legend was displayed on the taverner's sign. At a public stage-house you might find this posted over the door:

Stop, bra e boys, and quench your thirst;' If you won't drink, your horses must, which was much better in reason than in

which was much better in reason than in rhyme. A witty host, who must have been an uncommon wag, once hung up this to all appearance, astoundingly liberal offer:

What do you think, I'll feed you for nothing and give you a drink, When his customers came in to claim the promise, and had been well entertained he undeceived them by saying that they had not put in the proper punctuation in reading it. The announcement was really just the reverse of what it was taken for, as will be seen below, with the stops correctly placed:

What! Do you think

What! Do you think
I'il feed you for nothing and give you a drink?
And they all found out very soon that he would not do anything of the sort.
On the Bull inn at Buckland was this

The Bull is tame, so fear him not, All the while you pay your shot. When money's gone and credit's bad, It's that which makes the Bull run mad. At the Beehive Tavern you would often ead something like this:

Within this hive we're all alive; Good liquor makes us funny. If you are dry, step in and try The flavor of our honey.

It is said that Dean Swift stopped once at an inn bearing the sign of the Three Crosses, but was pestered severely by lack of decent attention on the part of the landlady. Before he went, and after she had said she "couldn't leave her "regular customers to wait on such as he," he took a diamond and wrote on a pane of glass in one of the windows:

TO THE LANDLORD. There hang three crosses at thy door, Hang up thy wife, and she'll make fou l The following is from the Fox Tavern in

B-hold the Fox, near Handley Stocks,
Pray catch him when you can,
For they sell here good ale and beer.
I have heard of one sign which named
the chief potables to be found at the inn,
and then added, as a postscript:

Two made this board a tinfe wider
To let you know I keep good cyder.
In a subsequent article I will offer, with
a few signs still more curious, some further
consideration of the subject.

JOEL BENTON.

HE'S HIS MOTHER'S PRIDE.

Jack McAuliffe's Ma Talks About the Famous Light Weight Pugilist.

New York World: Jack McAuliffe's mother, who lives in the pretty little frame house No. 239 South Third street, Williams burg, was expecting a telegram from him giving the result of the fight when a World reporter saw her yesterday. Mrs. McAul-iffe is a pleasant-faced woman of medium height, with light brown hair, and seemed hardly old enough to be the mother of a fistic champion who has acquired such a world-wide reputation as her son. She was not very much disturbed by the reports in the evening papers that "Johnnie," as she called him, had had two ribes broken in his fight with Meyer, and said flatly that she didn't belive it. "I know that she didn't belive it. "I know that Meyer could never break one of Johnnie's ribs," said she. "I never met him, and I don't want to meet him, but Johnnie would never allow anybody who was matched with him to injure him in that way. I never believe the first reports of these things, but if any of Johnnie's ribs were broken it must have been through foul play; some of Meyer's friends must have broken in through the ring when they saw the fight was going against him, and in that way injured my b by, who is too strong and quick to allow of anything of the kind in a square fight. There is nobody of his age and weight who can beat him, and although he has extraordinary strength and strikes a terrific blow, yet he is kind as a child, and I am sure he would not injure Meyer if he could help it. He has no malice towards his adversaries and would go no further in a fight than the customs of the ring demanded. Johnnie jeft here in December. not very much disturbed by the reports in his adversaries and would go no further in a fight than the customs of the ring demanded. Johnnie left here in December, and since he has been away has written constantly to me, and it was only Monday last when I received a letter from him. He always writes to me or telegraphs after a fight, and I expect to hear from him very soon. He is now twenty-three years of age and is so strong and in such a fine physical condition that ne can easily recover from the effects of such an affair, even from broken ribs."

Mrs McAuliffe spoke in the highest terms of her son, who, she said, was a model in every way so far as regarded his duty to his mother and sister. His father died about a year ago. Jack hired and furnished the little house in Brooklyn where his mother now resides.

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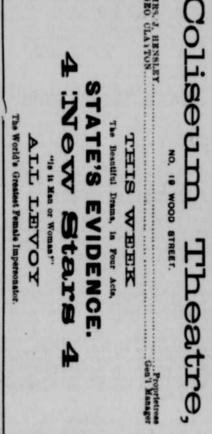
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Application for a Patent.

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The location of this mine is recorded in the recorder's office of Lewis and Clarke county in look F of R, and D. The adjoining claimants are unknown.

JOHN W. EDDY, attorney for applicant.

Pirst publication Jan. 10, 1889.

[No. 2206.]

APPLICATION FOR A PATENT.

Helena Montana, December 20, 1888.

Notice is hereby given that James F. Porter, the above houses. Many restaurants in close proximity at all prices. Force \$100, sail. Notice is hereby given that James F. Porter, those postoffice address is lielens, Montana Perritory, have this day field their application for a patent for afteen hundred linear feet of the Dies Fan the slow houses and deignated with given the arrivary and the most and official plate in Belena unorganized mining district, county of Lewis and Clisrke and Territory of montane, and definance by the field notes and official plate on affect in which situated in Rielena unorganized mining district, county of Lewis and Clisrke and Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, said lot No. 90, sec. 18, in township 10, north range 4 west of principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, s

[No. 2221.] Application for a Patent-

Notice is hereby given that Timothy Wilcox, Harrison Asbury, Oliver C. Rinker, Ids B. Yergy and William Plato, whose postoffice address is Helena, M. T., have this day filed application for a patent for three hundred and twenty acree of the Placer mine bearing gold, situated in unorganized mining district, county of Lewis and Clarke, and territory of Montana, and design ted by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as the 2% of section 38, in t whenhy 10, n. range 3, w. of principal base line and meridan of Montana territory, containing 220 ac es. The location of this mine is recorded in the recorder's office of cewis and Clarke county in book Fof R and D. The adjoining claimants are unknown.

W. LANGHORNE, Register.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Helena and Rimini Mining Company, at the office of the said company, to wit, at the office of the A. M. Holter Hardware Company in the city of Helena, Montana, on Monday, the 25th day of Pebruary, 1889, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of submitting te the stockholders of said corporation, a proposition to lease and sell all or a nortice of the property of the said Helena and Rimini Mining Company to the U. S. Public Sampling Company, or to some other company or person, one year or less Said lease to provide for the privilege, on the part of the lease, to purchase said property or a portios there of during the term of said lease. The property so supposed to be leased, with privilege of sale, is in the counts of Lewis and Clarke, Territory of Montana, and is distinctly specified as follows to wit: Beginning at a stake set on the south boundary of the northeast quarter of of the northeast quarter of section number twenty-three of township number ten north of range number four west of the principal base line and meridian of Montana Territory, and which stake bears south 89'15' east 6.85 chains distant along said south boundary from the southeast corner of said forty are tract, said southeast corner of said forty are tract, said southeast corner of said section number twenty-three which bears south 50'35' east stisant 20'38 chains from the original corner to sections numbered thirteen, fourteen, twenty-three and twenty-four, which is marked by a granite stone with three notches on the south sed, with pits and montal, thence running south 89'15' west 13'23' chains it hence south 50'30' east .36 chains; thence south 61'52' east 1.35 chains; thence south 61'52' east 1.55 chains; thence south 61'52' east 1.55 chains; thence south 61'62' east 1.55 chain

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